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HOTEL REGISTER.

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Fig. 1.

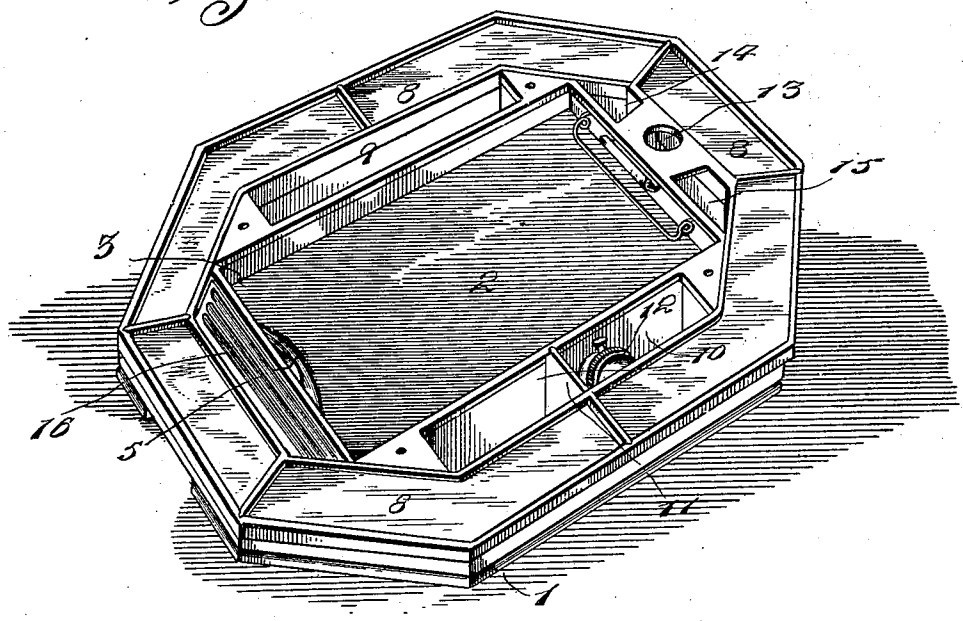
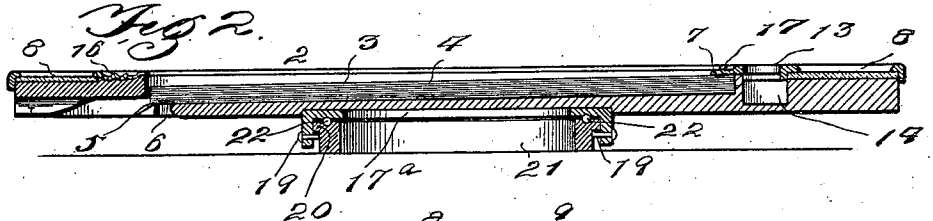


Fig. 2.



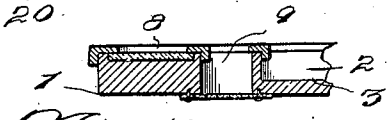


Fig. 3.

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HOTEL-REGISTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. LONEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Vermilion and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Hotel-Register, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hotel-registers; and the object of the same is to provide simple and effective means for holding register-sheets loosely in bulk, so that they can be individually drawn outward from the bottom of the stack of the same and be placed on top of said stack, whereby an unused sheet may be conveniently and quickly placed over an upper filled sheet and gradually work all the filled sheets toward the bottom of the stack by successive applications of the unused sheets in the manner set forth, the improved device being also freely rotatable to dispose the sheets or the registry means in convenient position for access by a guest or person desiring to register, the improved device also having receptacles of various kinds for advertising matter, cards, and stationery articles generally, as well as for a call-bell, matches, toothpicks, and the like.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a register embodying the features of the invention. Fig. 2 is a central longitudinal vertical section of the same. Fig. 3 is a detail transverse vertical section of a portion of the same.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates a body, which is shown, as a matter of neat design, as having an irregular polygonal marginal contour and is intended to be constructed of suitable light and durable material, preferably wood, and in the center of the body a rectangular recess 2 is formed and extends fully to the bottom 3 of the device to removably receive suitably-prepared register-sheets 4, as shown by Fig. 2, said sheets being loose and individually removable from the recess. The bottom 3 is formed with a slot 5, opening downwardly therethrough at a rearward bevel and extending slightly into the area of the recess, so that the ends of the sheets 4 will stand clear at the rear end of the device, whereby the hand of an operator may be inserted up under the bottom of the device at one end to grasp the lower sheet of the stack and pull it outwardly through said slot 5 for disposal on top of the stack, the front wall of the slot having a centrally-arranged recess 6 to permit the fingers to fully extend under the sheet ends. The sheets are thus draw out and placed on top of the stack as fast as the top one of the series is used up or filled, and to hold the sheets in place in the recess 2 a spring clip or clamp 7 is secured to the end wall of the latter. The walls of the slot 5 are smooth to let the sheets easily slip therethrough without injury, and a great convenience will be apparent in this system of keeping hotel and other registers by dispensing with cumbersome books and, further, in view of the fact that the sheets can be filed away in compact form and avoid taking up as much space as is utilized by books. It is also proposed in connection with this form of register to furnish a cabinet containing a large number of the sheets for convenience in keeping the same and also to have a supply sufficient to last a long time.

Adjacent to the marginal edge of the body are glass-covered recesses 8 for receiving advertising matter, such as cards of those carrying various business in the community where the device is used, and at times general information may be contained in the said recesses.

At one side of the recess 2 is an elongated pocket 9 and at the opposite side a similar pocket 10, divided by a central partition 11, these pockets being used for receiving cards, paper, and envelops and the like and also a call-bell 12, as shown in Fig. 1.

At the head end of the register next to the adjacent end wall of the recess 2 is a central ink-well holder 13, and on each side of the said holder are pockets 14 and 15 for holding toothpicks and matches or the like.

The bottoms of the pockets 9 and 10 are formed of suitable foraminate or reticulated

material to permit the dirt to sift therethrough for obvious reasons, and the pockets 14 and 15 may be likewise supplied with apertured bottom portions.

At the end of the recess 2, over the slot 5, a stationary pen and pencil tray 16 is mounted, and a small pen rack or holder 17 may be fixed at the opposite end.

For convenience in use the body 1 as an entirety is made rotatable and is supplied with a plate 17, secured to the central portion of the bottom thereof and provided with a depending flange 18, having inwardly-extending retaining-pins 19, which take under the head-flange 20 of a base 21, the contiguous sides of the plate and base being formed with ball-grooves to receive a plurality of antifrictional balls 22 to cause the body to turn easily on the base.

The improved device will be found exceptionally useful for the purpose intended, and it is obvious that changes in the form, size, proportions, and minor details may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

A register comprising a horizontally-disposed body having marginal divisions and pockets for the reception of advertising matter and various articles, the said marginal divisions and pockets surrounding a central rectangular recess provided with end, side and bottom walls and having the one end of the bottom wall cut away at a downward angle of inclination to form an opening through the lower portion of the adjacent end wall of the said recess, the under side of the end of the body adjacent to the latter end wall of the recess being cut upwardly and inwardly at a bevel, a slot being also formed at the lower intersection of the end wall of the recess and the cut-away end of the bottom wall of said recess and extending the full transverse dimension of the latter, whereby loose sheets placed in the recess may be withdrawn through said slot and an operator be permitted to insert his hand under the body at one end to engage the exposed ends of the sheets, and a series of loose sheets mounted in said recess.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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